ब्रबरीज़ उद्योगों ने 1700682 लोगों का रोजगार प्रदान किया है और सभी उद्योगों के कुल सकल उत्पादन में 15.19 प्रतिशत का योगदान दिया है।

(ग) देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार ने समय-समय पर अनेक उपाय किए हैं। इनमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ इस क्षेत्र को उच्च प्राथमिकता वाला घोषित करना और उसके फ्लस्वरुप उन्हें लाइसेंस मुक्त करना, मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाई जा रही योजना स्कीमों के तहत वित्तीय सहायता देना, राजकोषीय रियायतें देना शामिल है।

Licences issued to multinational companies for Food Processing Units

3055. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued to the multinational companies to set-up Food Processing Units during 1996-97; and

(b) the names of places where those multinational companies have set-up their units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) All food processing industries except for brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for small scale sector arc delicenced and hence no licence is required. However, during 1996-97, 90 foreign investment proposals have been approved for setting up of food processing industries.

(b) Normally, it takes 2-3 years for implementation of a project.

Revival plans for deep-sea fishing industry in Visakhapatnam

3056. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(b) whether any revival plans have been formulated for the deep-sea fishing industry in Visakhapatnam;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage Indian deep-sea fishing industry in 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) A Technical Committee, headed by Shri P. Murari, former Secretary to the Government of India, was appointed by the Government to suggest corrective measures for revival of sick deep-sea fishing units. The Committee submitted its Report in March, 1994. The Committee's recommendations, among other things, included financial restructuring and reliefs to existing sick fishing companies assisted by the erstwhile Shipping Development Funds Committee (SDFC). The recommendations of the Technical Committee have been approved by the Government with some minor changes. SCICI has been authorised to announce the scheme immediately.

Self-employment for rural youths

3057. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

1. whether Government are taking any concrete measures to ensure self-employment to the rural youths;

2. if so. the details thereof with special reference to the North-East in general and Assam in particular;

3. whether Government are providing any incentives to set-up agro-based industries particularly in the North-East;

4. if so, the types of incentives being extended in this regard;

5. whether MNCs are being allowed to enter this sector also; and

(f) if so. the need and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) Agro-based industries are one of the village industries being promoted by KVIC.